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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### ARE THE BRITISH IN BAGDAD?

LONDON, March 11.  
The fact that General Maude's cavalry  
was only 14 miles from Bagdad on  
March 6th and was meeting with little  
opposition has led some experts to  
confidently announce that Bagdad is  
already in the hands of the British, but  
more cautious critics point out that  
nothing has yet been disclosed as to  
the whereabouts of General Maude's  
main army which will probably require  
time to develop larger movements, while  
the season of the inundations is  
approaching.

The rout of the Turkish army, how-  
ever, has already resulted in the collapse  
of the Turkish operations in Persia  
whence the Turks are being pushed out  
by three Russian columns.  
The Turkish armies are so scattered,  
in distant adventures that the best  
of the Germans, that they are not  
likely to succeed in concentrating  
reinforcements against General Maude.

#### THE WESTERN FRONT. THE BRITISH SUCCESS AT IRLS.

LONDON, March 10.  
French experts emphasize the importance  
of the British success at Irls in  
facilitating the envelopment of Bapaume.  
They state that several hundred prisoners  
were captured.

#### ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, March 11.  
A French communiqué reports:—  
"We carried out several successful  
coups-de-main on German trenches in  
the regions of Lassigny and Canny-sur-  
Meuse and north of Bois-du-Jury in the  
Woëvre.  
We captured some prisoners and a  
machine gun.  
There was fairly considerable recip-  
rocal artillery activity in the Maisons-  
de-Champagne sector.  
An enemy attempt on our small posts  
in the region of Lartizan in Alsace  
failed."

#### GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, March 11.  
A German official message transmitted  
by wireless report:—  
After the infantry fighting at Irls  
our rearwards withdrew to our main  
position.  
French attacks between the Avre and  
the Oise were unsuccessful and sanguin-  
arily repulsed.  
There were renewed French attacks  
at Hill 185 and on both sides of Cham-  
pagne Farm.

#### FRENCH CHAMBER AND THE GOVERNMENT.

#### PROBABLE GRAND DEBATE ON GENERAL POLICY.

PARIS, March 11.  
The vote of confidence in the  
Government passed in the Chamber  
of Deputies mentioned on March 9  
when the Government's opponents  
abstained from voting, did not allay  
the agitation which M. Briand, the  
Premier, declared was interfering  
with the labours of the Government.  
Therefore, a grand debate on the  
general policy of the Cabinet is  
probable to enable the Chamber of  
Deputies to define its attitude.

#### THE ARMING OF AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, March 11.  
President Wilson's decision to arm  
merchants followed the opinions  
of Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State,  
and Mr. Gregory, Attorney-General,  
given on March 9.  
The Government's "Armed Neu-  
trality" plan will be withheld from  
publication in order to avoid endan-  
gering American ships by permitting  
the information to reach Germany.  
The only statement obtainable  
from White House and the Navy  
Department is that the President is  
determined fully to protect American  
rights.  
Long before the order was given  
from White House the Navy Depart-  
ment had completed all the neces-  
sary preparations to arm merchant-  
men, but Mr. Daniels appealed to  
the Press and the public not to  
discuss the matter.

#### NEW CANADIAN WAR LOAN.

OTTAWA, March 10.  
A new Canadian War Loan of  
\$30,000,000 is to be issued. It will  
carry 5% interest, will be issued at  
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The loan will be issued in Canada  
and New York.  
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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Water Road, Victoria, HONGKONG, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Hongkong, March 6, 1917. 1553

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By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1523

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General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1562

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1550

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peider's Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 30th March, both days inclusive.

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## THE WAR.

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## SUNDAYS TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.

DESPERATE FIGHTING IN  
A SNOWSTORM.

## BRILLIANT FRENCH SUCCESS.

LONDON, March 10.

Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters, telegraphing from Champagne, on the 3rd inst. describes the recapture of the salient mentioned in a communiqué of the 8th inst.

He states that the German success on February 14th left them in possession of a long crest overlooking the French lines. This was strengthened by two powerful forts bristling with machine-guns.

When the French attack began the weather intervened most unexpectedly on behalf of the Boches. The heaviest snowstorm of the winter and a blizzard-like gale hampered the gunners.

There was a foot of snow on the ground when the infantry emerged yesterday morning from the bottom of a ravine at the foot of the crest and started to cross the 200 yards of heavily trenched ground to the first German line. Here the occasional flash of a grenade showed that the bomb-throwers were busy clearing out dug-outs, but the Germans surrendered readily and within half an hour Frenchmen were visible on the top of the crest, having progressed 500 yards in the centre and 300 yards on the flanks, securing powerful works and a number of prisoners.

The French continued a further 300 yards when the roar of the re-awakened artillery announced that a German counter-attack was developing. The enemy pushed through the barrage and engaged the French at close quarters, but were driven off after a desperate fight, principally with bombs.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, March 10.

A German official report states: "We repulsed French attacks near Raucourt, southward of Crapeau-racnil.

Russian troops, led by French officers, penetrated our lines on both sides of Epheuse. A counter-attack rejected them.

The positions westward of Champsigneul several times changed hands resulting in no important change in the situation. We took 55 prisoners.

Our detachments forced their way into Caucieres Wood and took 206 prisoners. The remainder of the garrison fled.

The prisoners taken at Magyars total 1,004.

THE RUSSO-RUMANIAN  
FRONT.

## ENEMY ATTACK REPULSED.

LONDON, March 9.

A wireless Russian official message says: "We threw back an enemy attack in the Mitau region.

The enemy captured three heights to the north-west of Okna. The attacks to the west of Okna failed.

## GERMAN REPORT.

Between the Trous and Uz valleys

we stormed the high ridge of Magyars adjacent to the Russian positions and took 604 prisoners.

During February we lost 24 aeroplanes and the enemy lost 91.

## A RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT STATES:

Northward of Okna our troops are counter-attacking to regain the lost heights.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## A SHORT LIVED ENEMY SUCCESS.

LONDON, March 9.

A wireless Italian official message says: "The enemy penetrated lines to the west of Castagnavizza, but were thrown out.

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THE FOOD PROBLEM IN  
GERMANY.NOTABLE CONFESSION BY FOOD  
COMMISSIONER.

AMSTERDAM, March 9.

In the Prussian Diet the Food Commissioner declared that food difficulties were consequent on the cessation of work and the more dismal things in a certain western town were attributable to a wholesale falsification of bread-stuffs resulting in the entire food reserves being used up.

He stated that without drastic measures it would be impossible to hold out.

It is believed the town referred to is Essen where a big hunger strike was reported recently.

STARVING GERMANS CROSS DUTCH  
FRONTIER.

AMSTERDAM, March 9.

The Maastricht newspaper *Les Nouvelles* states that 300 Germans, including 100 deserters, crossed the frontier at Limbricht and demanded bread.

## THE FOOD PROBLEM IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, March 9.

At a conference the Premier, Ministers, Members of the Duma and Municipal officials discussed the urgent food problem.

FLOUR SUPPLIES NOT  
DIMINISHED.

A telegram from Petrograd states that the commander of the troops there in a proclamation, informed the inhabitants that flour supplies had not diminished. There would be ample bread if the people were moderate in their requirements.

The proclamation was due to the unrest of the poor, especially the women, who began to assemble demanding bread, but were very orderly, the use of troops not being necessary.

The Duma has been lengthily debating the food crisis.

## FRANCE AND THE FOOD PROBLEM.

PARIS, March 9.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 296 votes to 1, following a three days' debate on food supplies, in which the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee emphasised the necessity for the Allies and neutrals economising in wheat or largely substituting other cereals.

The Chairman said that experts estimated France's wheat deficit during 1917 would be 130,000,000 bushels. The deficit in overseas supplies for France, the Allies and neutrals, it is estimated will be 200,000,000 bushels.

HOW THE WAR WILL  
END.

## HUNGARIAN MINISTER'S VIEW.

PARIS, March 10.

*Le Matin* publishes a remarkable interview given by Count Andrássy, the Hungarian ex-Premier, in which the latter expressed the opinion that the war would end through general exhaustion and peace terms would be dictated by the cleverer belligerent.

Count Andrássy asserted that in this connection the Central Powers were more intelligent than the Entente.

He also declared that Germany had two aims: firstly, the uniting of Central Europe and the East; secondly, to become a dominant world power. The first would be attained by the present war, but in order to achieve the second Great Britain must be defeated.

Count Andrássy said he doubted the success of submarineism and with regard to this expressed the opinion that other and slower means must be employed.

## "A BLANK PEACE."

Count Andrássy declared that it would be a blank peace, without formal annexation or indemnities, but he emphasised that it was necessary that the Central Powers should control Poland and Lithuania militarily and economically, as a barrier against Russia, whose power must ultimately be broken before Germany's world policy and plans for supremacy in the East could be fully realised.

## MESOPOTAMIA COMMISSION.

LONDON, March 10.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Report of the Mesopotamia Commission was not yet written. He declined to promise, before receiving the Report, that it should be published in its entirety.

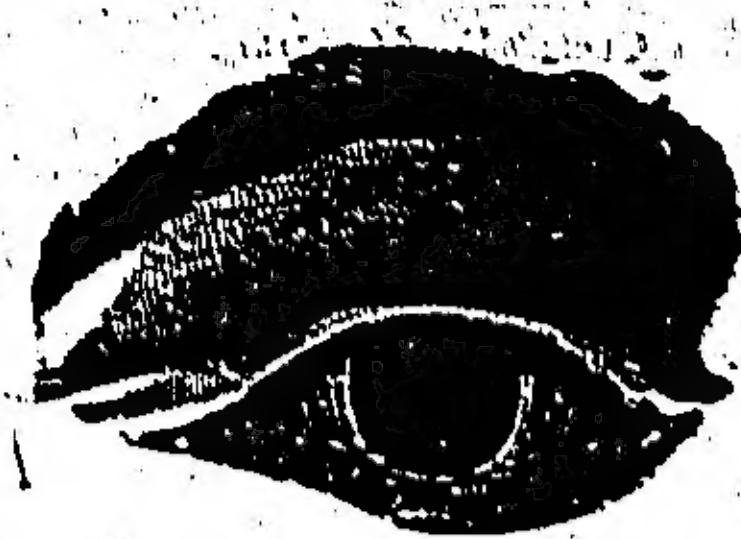
## CHINA AND THE WAR.

LONDON, March 10.

Telegrams from Peking state that the withdrawal of the Premier's resignation is regarded as indicating that the President has finally agreed to the Cabinet's policy of a rupture of diplomatic negotiations with Germany, and possibly an alliance with the Entente.

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## INTIMATIONS



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## THE WAR.

(Continued from p. 2.)

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### RUSSIANS ADVANCING AGAINST TURKS.

LONDON, March 10.  
A Russian official message says:—  
We destroyed fortifications at Mirzon-keine, north-west of Erzindjan.  
Our scouts have advanced 163 miles south-west of Sakkin.

LATER.  
A Russian official report states:—  
We attacked the Turks westward of Nurnichkhany, demolished works, took 33 prisoners and took possession of the town of Senne in the direction of Bidjar.  
We submerged a large steamer in the neighbourhood of the Bosphorus.

EXTENSIVE TURKISH WITHDRAWALS.  
LONDON, March 9.  
A Russian communiqué shows that the Turkish withdrawal from Persin is not limited to the routes to Bagdad, but extends further north. The strength of the force is not great and the distance between the columns is enormous. For example, Sakin is eighty miles from Sima where another force is retreating 160 miles from Hamadan. The pursuing Russians have now recovered half the distance to be frontier.

ATTEMPTED RAIDS ON BRITISH TRENCHES.  
LONDON, March 10.  
Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Last evening the enemy launched five raids upon the trenches to the north of Wytschaet and re-attacked with four parties this morning. Only one party in each case reached the trenches. The enemy left some prisoners and there are from 20 to 30 British missing. We raided the first line to the south of Baches, damaged dugouts and inflicted many casualties.

THE GERMAN VERSION.  
LONDON, March 9.  
A German official message transmitted by wireless says:—  
We entered the English position to the west of Wytschaet and took 37 prisoners.

The French attacked to the south of Ripont and penetrated trenches and took 185 and Champagne. Our counter-attack regained the trench dominating the height. The farm remains in French hands.

BRILLIANT FRENCH SUCCESSES.  
ENEMY POSITIONS CAPTURED.  
LONDON, March 9.  
A French communiqué says:—Our attack yesterday between Butte-de-Mesnil and Maison-de-Champagne was brilliantly successful. Despite snowstorms, rendering marching difficult, we carried enemy positions on a front of 1,500 metres to a depth of 800 to 800 metres. A violent German counter-attack on the left of the sector in the evening was repulsed with grenades, after an obstinate struggle, with serious enemy losses. We took 136 prisoners, including three officers.

Two enemy attempts to take the trench at Avocourt Wood failed under our fire.

A FURTHER ADVANCE.  
LATER.  
A French official message says:—We entered and wrecked enemy trenches at several points south of Roze.

The Germans three times counter-attacked furiously the positions we captured yesterday in the sector of Maison-de-Champagne, but our curtain of Maxim fire everywhere shattered the efforts of the enemy, who were obliged to retire, leaving numerous dead.

We progressed during the day and captured fresh trenches north of the Butte-de-Mesnil—Maison-de-Champagne road. We took 170 prisoners in this region.

FIGHTING FOR SUPREMACY IN THE AIR.  
RECORD NUMBER OF MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN.  
LONDON, March 8.  
A feature of the recent fighting has been the resumption of the struggle for supremacy in the air.

Sir Douglas Haig said yesterday that the enemy had determined but unsuccessfully attempted to stop British aerial work. They had sent up a greater number of machines and much fighting resulted, during which three hostile machines were felled and three driven down damaged. Four British machines were felled and seven are missing.

The communiqué mentions that altogether 56 aeroplanes have been brought down on the Western Front during the last two days, a record unparalleled since July 1st. The Germans claim that 33 of these were Allied machines. On Monday and yesterday the British communiqué admitted that six were felled and 12 missing. British airmen accounted for 29 and the French for three of the 25 German aeroplanes felled.

PRESIDENT WILSON ILL.  
WASHINGTON, March 10.  
President Wilson is ill and may have to keep to his bed for several days.

THE AMERICAN SENATE.  
RULES AMENDED.  
WASHINGTON, March 9.  
The Senate, by 76 votes to 8, has passed the amendment to their rules giving two-thirds of the members power of closure of debate.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH CAPTURE ANOTHER STRATEGIC POSITION.  
HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES.

LONDON, March 8.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that the weather has improved, an easterly wind drying the ground.

Details are now coming in of the recent fight. The most notable was the taking of Rosignol Wood, a strategic position strongly held by the Germans after the evacuation of Commeourt. The British attacked on the 8th inst., and captured the main trench in 2½ hours, but stiff fighting at close quarters for the possession of the two reserve trenches resulted in a deadlock. At midnight the British temporarily withdrew while the guns bombarded the trenches till dawn. Then the infantry attacked and cleared the trenches. They found the Wood deserted. The Germans had evacuated the ridge. The number of corpses found showed that the enemy casualties were very heavy.

THE IRISH QUESTION.  
NATIONALISTS WISH TO FORCE AN ELECTION.  
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AUSTRIAN POLITICS.  
MELBOURNE, March 9.

The dissolution of Parliament will take place on March 28. The election will be held on May 5.

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It is now stated that volunteering for national service will not end on March 31, but will be continued indefinitely. Compulsion will only be applied as a last resort.

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### THE SUBMARINE PROBLEM.

MORE DRASTIC RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS.

LONDON, March 10.

Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at the Admiralty Club said we had not yet satisfactorily solved the submarine problem. (The situation threatened the people's food and more drastic restrictions on imports were pending; but we would stick it to the end, no matter what Germany did. He mentioned that the Germans had laid mines as far apart as the Cape of Good Hope and Colombo.)

NOT SO BAD AS PESSIMISTS DECLARE.  
The Financial Times, commenting on Sir Edward Carson's speech, says that certain known facts prove that the situation is not so grave as pessimists declare. For instance, the imports of meat for the week ending March 3rd were more than double the imports during the corresponding week last year. Dairy produce is also larger.

GENEROUS GIFT FROM THE NIZAM OF HYDERABAD.  
LONDON, March 9.

The Press Bureau announces that the Government has accepted the Nizam of Hyderabad's gift of 2100,000 sterling towards the anti-submarine campaign.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK BY COLLISION.  
LONDON, March 9.

The War Office announces that the transport Mendi, with the final batch of South African native labourers, collided with another vessel in a thick fog off the Isle of Wight on the 12th inst.

Twelve Europeans and 191 natives were saved; 10 Europeans and 615 natives were drowned.

INDIAN IMPORT DUTIES.  
PROTEST BY LANCASHIRE.  
LONDON, March 10.

The business of the Manchester Royal Exchange was suspended for a few minutes yesterday for the purpose of passing a resolution on the Indian import duties.

Sir Arthur Haworth, the President, said that in answer to a request from all the Chambers of Commerce in Lancashire, the Directors of the Exchange had consented to establish a precedent in submitting a resolution to the members namely "That this Exchange, while applauding the action of the Raj in making a War Loan of £100,000,000, strongly protests against the proposed increase of duties without corresponding increase in Exchequer and urges the Imperial Government to take immediate steps to postpone such a controversial measure until the end of the war, or until the fiscal policy of the Empire has been reconsidered and decided by the Imperial Conference as proposed by Sir William Meyer on March 1st 1916, and confirmed by the Bill of March 7th 1916."

A show of hands was taken, and the President announced that the resolution had been carried by 4,500 votes against 10.

LONDON, March 10.

Mr. Burt Law announced in the House of Commons that the discussion on the Indian Import duties would be on the 14th inst., on the resolution authorising the grant from India.

MAN-POWER IN INDIA.  
A Calcutta correspondent telegraphed to Madras on February 15:—An interesting sequel to the Registration Ordinance, recently published, is an order prohibiting the granting of passports out of India to those who are liable to registration under that Ordinance. Several people who had recently been granted passports were informed yesterday that their passports were cancelled. The effect of this order will apparently be to prevent taking home leave or long leaves in other countries by those who are liable to compulsory service under the Act which the Viceroy recently forewarned. No order has, however, yet been published officially regarding the granting of passports to man-liable under the Registration Ordinance.

### Kaiser's FRAISE OF COUNT ZEPPELIN.

"A SUBLIME MEMORY."

LONDON, March 9.

The Kaiser telegraphed his condolences to Countess Zeppelin in extravagant terms. He said, "I feel the death of this excellent man most painfully. The whole of Germany units with me in mourning one of the greatest sons of the Fatherland. His successes in the air have rendered his name immortal for always Germany. His memory will forever remain sublime and dear to me."

THE SILVER MARKET.  
LONDON, March 10.

Messrs. Montagu's report states that the market is exceptionally quiet. The supplies from America are again scanty. "Business is small. The demand is more general, including some Indian bear covering."



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The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.  
G. A. DREAPER,  
Deputy Harbour General.  
R. N. HOSPITAL, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1917. 1571

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

All outgoing and incoming steamers and sailing vessels are hereby warned that when passing Holts Wharves, which are under construction with divers working, that they must not pass within a distance of 200 yards of them and to slow down their speed to 4 knots.  
G. W. BECKWITH,  
Commander, R.N.,  
Harbour Master, &c.  
Harbour Department,  
Hongkong, March 12, 1917. 1572

## THE DIARY.

MEMO FOR TO-MORROW.  
Lady May distributes prizes to pupils of Peak School at Peak Hotel.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 16—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Rugs, Sheets, Sweater Coats, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Houghs.  
SATURDAY, March 17—  
St. Patrick's Day.  
Dance at "Kingsclere".  
MORLEY, March 19—  
Police Reserve Orchestra at Government House.  
TUESDAY, March 27—  
11.30 a.m.—Green Island Cement Co.'s Meeting.  
TUESDAY 27 & WEDNESDAY March 28—  
2.15 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Kingsclere", 50 Macdonnell Road.  
WEDNESDAY, March 28—  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Ice Co.'s Meeting.  
Evening—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s Meeting.  
THURSDAY, March 29—  
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FRIDAY, March 30—  
Evening—China Sugar Refining Co.'s Meeting.

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## A FAMILY NECESSITY.

EVERY family should be provided with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all times. Sprains may be cured in much less time when promptly treated. Lame back, lame shoulder, pains in the side and chest and rheumatic pains are some of the diseases for which it is especially valuable. Try this liniment and become acquainted with its qualities and you will never wish to be without it. For sale by all Chemists and Stockholders.

agreement, and the Cabinet were willing to share the responsibility of recommending the House to accept the proposals. That is still the position to-day, with another Government in power, and every reasonable man must recognise that we are not likely to see any Government in power at Westminster for many long years to come, which will be prepared to go beyond that. Ulster, with a view to reaching a settlement, no longer objects to the Home Rule being given to the Irish counties which want it, and Sir EDWARD CARSON, as the spokesman for Ulster, declared a year ago that Ulster could be won when good government was shown in the rest of Ireland. The mass of the people of the United Kingdom, who are sick and tired of the Irish controversy, would endorse a settlement on that basis.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Reuter's Telegram Company, Ltd., has been taken over by a new company and will be now known as Reuter's (1916), Ltd.

The Bank of China has declared a dividend of 16 per cent. for the past year to be paid to private shareholders on and after March 10.

In a 'one-cub' golf competition, 18 holes, medal play, in Shanghai recently the winner (A. E. Sandbach 91-16-75) used a mummy; the second (90-2-8-82) used an iron, and the third (92-8-84) used a cleft.

The restriction against ocean steamers entering the Harbour Limits of Canton between sunset and sunrise, which has been in force since September, 1914, has been withdrawn. The special regulations governing the movements of guaranteed River Steamers, however, are not affected by this Notification.

There were only 9 small-pox cases reported in the Colony last week, showing that the epidemic is practically at an end. All the cases last week were Chinese, and five proved fatal. Six cases of enteric fever were reported during the week, one case of diphtheria and one case of pox of the face.

## HONGKONG WOMEN WAR WORKERS.

The Ladies Working party, at Union Church last week dispatched three cases to the Surgical Branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild containing the following articles:—197 pairs of socks, 55 pairs of surgical stockings, 60 shirts, 30 pyjama suits, 50 vests, 5 bed jackets, 12 hospital caps, 34 surgical caps, 78 milk covers, 163 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs of mittens, 10 mufflers, 2 cholera belts, 132 towels, 680 rolled bandages, 50 stumps bandages, 31 many-tailed bandages, 78 eye bandages, 24 shrouds, 9 hold-all bags, 1 linen bag, 18 floor swabs, 1 pair of linen sheets, 3 tray cloths, 3 rugs, 1 crocheted rug made by the Junior Working Party.  
To the men of the K.S.L.I. have been sent—150 pairs of socks and 100 shirts. The following letters have been received:

The Central Depot.  
Needlework Guild,  
Surgical Branch of "Queen Mary's",  
2, Cavendish Square, W.  
Jan. 17th, 1917.  
DEAR MRS. HICKLING.—In reply to your letter of Oct. 21st I wish to offer you on behalf of this Depot my most cordial thanks for your excellent contribution. We are most grateful to see that you have sent us garments and winter comforts as these are the things we were most in need of when your welcome gift arrived.—Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) MRS. M. GIBSON,  
General Manager for Princess Henry of Battenberg, President and Head of Depot.

DEAR MRS. HICKLING,  
I am glad to be able to tell you of the safe arrival in perfect condition of the case of goods. Your letter arrived a week before.  
Please convey to the Ladies Working Party of Union Church my most grateful thanks for their splendid gift. The things really are beautiful, and most useful. I carried away an armful of the bandages on the spot to my old surgical ward. Before the war this hospital was the barracks for the Egyptian Army. It is a huge rambling place—we have over 1000 beds—well adapted for hospital purposes and ideally situated facing the sea. I am at present well qualified to know how large it is and what a lot of ground it covers as I am Night Superintendent. From time to time we have convalescing Mesopotamian and Salonika and we have many local cases of sickness and patients requiring surgical treatment.  
There is a great deal of joy in this work but the amount of suffering is terrible.  
On behalf of the Matron and the Authorities I thank you all for your most welcome gift.  
Believe me,  
Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) MRS. AARWORTH.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

The remanded case in which a contractor and his foreman are charged with manslaughter as a result of an accident that occurred in Yau-mai last week was continued before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

On the application of Inspector Gerard, both defendants, who were represented by Mr. F. N. D'Almada, were again remanded, bail being fixed at \$1,000.

## ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE.

As a result of an altercation between a Japanese messboy and a boatswain aboard the *Burma Maru*, last Saturday, the messboy attacked the boatswain with a long knife and stabbed him twice in the left arm, once in the back and once in the left side, the last thrust penetrating the victim's lungs.

When charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning the messboy, who pleaded guilty to the assault, stated that the complainant had ordered him to clean a lamp. This work, according to his superior officer, was not included in his duties. He, therefore, refused to obey the complainant, whereupon the latter began to revile him. Excited by the abuse, he procured a knife from the messroom and committed the assault.

Inspector Gordon said the complainant was under the care of a doctor and asked that the case be adjourned.

His Worship granted the application and the defendant was remanded until next Monday.

## TWO SERIOUS CHARGES.

A Chinese arrested at the Western Market on the charge of counterfeiting the Government slaughter-house chop and attempting to sell pork unfit for human consumption, was brought before Mr. Melbourne this morning.

Mr. A. Gibson, Government Veterinary Surgeon, testified as to the truth of the second charge.

After hearing further evidence His Worship discharged the defendant on the first charge but on the second charge imposed a fine of \$100, or, in default of payment, three months' hard labour.

## ARMED ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING.

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. Melbourne this morning, with armed robbery and kidnapping in Lan-tan. The case was adjourned until next Monday.

## LOTTERY TICKETS.

A Chinese, arrested on Wing Lok Wharf, was fined ten dollars for having six lottery tickets in his possession.

## THEFT OF PAINT.

A fireman on the s.s. *Empress of Russia* was arrested whilst leaving with a bucket of paint, which was to have been used in painting the steamer's funnels. He was brought before Mr. Wood this morning on a charge of larceny.

After hearing the case His Worship sentenced the defendant to 21 days' hard labour.

## ATTEMPTING TO IMPORT OPIUM.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a Chinese, who arrived by the s.s. *Sai Yai* from Macao, was fined \$250, or, in the alternative, three months' hard labour, on the charge of attempting to import a quantity of prepared opium into the Colony.

## THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

We are informed by the local branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank that a telegram has been received from the Head Office to the effect that at the half yearly meeting of shareholders held at the Head Office of the Bank at Yokohama on the 10th instant, it was resolved to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. p.a. for the half-year ended the 31st December 1916, to add to the reserve fund Y800,000 and to carry forward the sum of Y1,710,000 to the next term.

Mrs. R. C. Edwards, wife of the Nagasaki Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, we regret to state, died at Nagasaki recently. The "Nagasaki Press" says: "Mrs. Edwards took a great interest in all local happenings and was especially active in war relief work; the consignments of clothing, etc., sent home by the British Ladies' Patriotic League owed much to her untiring industry and generosity." Mrs. Edwards was an accomplished musician and was always ready to give the benefit of her talent in that direction to her friends and the community generally.

## FAREWELL TO HONGKONG

## VOLUNTEERS.

## DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT.

## PATRIOTIC SPEECHES.

Nearly fifty young men of the Colony who are shortly proceeding to Europe for active service were entertained on Saturday evening to a dinner at the Hongkong Hotel followed by an Entertainment at the Theatre Royal. Though the arrangements were made at very short notice, the greatest success attended the efforts of the organisers, and the occasion was one which will be long remembered by all who were present.

At the head of the table were His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, His Excellency Major-General F. Ventris, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz, Commander Beckwith, R.N., Mr. C. Montague Ede, Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Commodore Sandeman, R.N., Hon. Mr. E. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. P. H. Holroyd, Mr. P. A. Loughlin, Colonel Currie, R.G.A., Dr. W. B. A. Moore, and Mr. H. Green.

The Guests were: Dr. Dalmahey Allan, Messrs. F. D. Bisker, R. A. Brand, A. O. Brown, G. K. Hall, Branton, A. F. Chapman, A. G. Chessman, E. C. Cocks, N. V. A. Croucher, F. Cullen, G. H. Cuthill, J. C. England, W. R. Farmer, A. A. Fyfe, H. Green, L. S. Greenhill, E. G. Hegarty, M. J. Henderson, W. Hill, B. R. Hurley, H. L. Jones, F. P. Lantestey, A. G. M. Macdonald, F. Fairbrother Mason, G. T. May, J. S. McCann, G. Miskin, E. J. R. Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Messrs. L. N. Murphy, C. Mycock, D. J. Purves, M. L. Raiton, G. A. Robinson, W. Robinson, L. Ross, A. J. W. Rosser, G. W. Sewell, Crowther Smith, W. Smith, F. R. Smyth, W. H. Stapleton, C. H. Summers, T. Taylor, C. Watkins, H. West, L. M. Whyte, and A. Young.

The Hosts were:—The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Captain Cassel, Captain Gokney, R.G.A., Captain Hughes, K.M.L.L., Lieut. Medway, R.N., Lieut. Hall, R.E., Lieut. Higby, Messrs. J. Ramsay, J. M. Jack, C. C. Stark, C. H. P. Hay, R. M. Dyer, W. J. C. Mitchell, R. E. O. Bird, T. F. Hough, Percy Smith, A. Wicheil, D. Tolan, W. C. Bond, J. Ince, L. P. Lantestey, R. H. Sharp, J. G. W. Beard, W. Taylor, P. J. J. Wodehouse, N. L. Raiton, W. R. Mansfield, A. C. Leith, Bulmer Johnson, J. W. Franks, F. J. de Rome, F. W. Stapleton, J. K. Macdonald, G. Gerrard, A. E. Martin, E. de W. Abney, F. C. Jenkin, F. A. Gace, R. J. Rawlinson, J. D. Logan, J. A. England, J. F. Miller, and H. Handyside.

## THE TOASTS.

After the Bishop of Victoria had said grace, His Honour Sir William Rees Davies proposed the toast of "The King" and the dinner proceeded.  
"Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), in proposing the health of 'The Guests,' said: 'Gentlemen! I am not going to inflict upon you a long speech; greater attractions await us elsewhere. I consider it a great honour to have been chosen as spokesman for the Hongkong men, to bid God-speed to our guests, to convey to them our hearty good wishes. You are setting out on a noble pilgrimage to help in the final task of crushing for ever the most barbarous foe of freedom and of civilization. I use the words 'final task' advisedly, since our ultimate success is now assured. The tide has turned; the flowing tide is with us and you will come in on the crest of the wave. Gentlemen! Our list of guests is significant. It is representative of all interests in the Colony; the large commercial houses, Medicine and Law. As one who truly loves the field of athletics, I am glad to see that many men who are offering their services were interested in all forms of athletics in the Colony. You will remember the remarkable words of the great Duke of Wellington, who said that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. Let your watchword be *Imperium et Libertas*. This is a war waged for freedom and to uphold the rights of small nations

against Prussian tyranny and a selfish hypocrisy. It is a battle for right.  
"For Right is Right, since God is God.  
And Right is bound to win.  
To doubt would be disloyalty.  
To falter would be sin."

To fight for such ideals is indeed a noble ambition and, rest assured, posterity will owe a great debt of gratitude to the youth of Great Britain in the critical days to come. We shall watch your movements with the keenest interest. That some of you will attain distinction in the field we are assured, and at the consummation of your efforts we will welcome you back with such a "tiger" as would drown the last echo of the battlefield. (Loud and prolonged cheers.) Gentlemen, I now ask you to rise and drink the health of "Our Guests."

The toast was drunk with musical honours, three cheers and a "tiger." Lieut. Murray, replying to the toast, said: A week ago I thought I was dining here as a "Guest," but when I found I was to be a Host I could not do any work and now I can't speak—(laughter). For the last two years and eight months most of us have been trying to get away to the front, but very few of us have succeeded. As a sample, in my office 25 men wanted to go and only two were allowed to leave. I feel that we who are going have undertaken a great responsibility, and we shall discharge it to the best of our ability. (Applause.) You who are not able to go rely upon us, and we shall endeavour to merit your confidence now that we have got what we wanted. (Applause.) I would just ask you to drink another toast—the health of "Our Hosts."

This toast was also enthusiastically honoured.  
"Mr. F. A. Lantestey, in response to calls for a speech, said: 'I have done nothing at all to merit this honour. I have been told to do what I have done. Most of the credit is due to Mr. Miskin. He has done a great deal for the movement. (Applause.) I am sorry I cannot go with you. I am told I am half-blind—(laughter)—but I am perfectly sure I could see enough to bag a Hun or two. (Laughter.) I hope the lot of you will do that. (Cheers.) Lieut. Higby was also called on, and contented himself with saying—'I am most sorry I am not going with you.'

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Hongkong Club was 'open to the guests until the early hours.

After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the dinner party broke up and all proceeded to the Theatre to enjoy a capital entertainment provided by the members of the Bandman Opera Company.

## THE COLONY'S "GOD-SPEED."

The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLROYD, in an interval in the proceedings, said:—As the representative of the Legislative Council of the commercial community of Hongkong, from which the contingent we are entertaining to-night is drawn, I have the honour—and I esteem it a very great honour—to utter the last few words of public farewell to the men who go to the front. I cannot help feeling—and I have no doubt the feeling is shared by the bulk of this audience—that this is an occasion which ought to have been celebrated eighteen months ago. (Cheers.) Nevertheless, it has come at last, and we rejoice that it has come; but it must not be forgotten that already from this Colony there have gone home on the same mission close upon 300 men. (Cheers.) Comparisons are odious, but, last exception should be taken to the fact, that we are entertaining a contingent to-night and that we did not entertain any previous contingent, let it be explained that this was entirely due to force of circumstances. In the first place, the first contingents went home largely in drab and were entertained privately. In the second place, the responsible authorities—rightly or wrongly, as the case may be—thought it desirable that no public reference should be made to their departure, and therefore there was no demonstration such as this Colony would have deemed fitting in the circumstances. Therefore we wish at the outset to associate the names of those who have gone before with those whom we are entertaining to-night. (Applause.) Without any false sentiment I can say to those who are leaving us: "There is not one in this gathering who does not carry you from the bottom of his heart." (Cheers, and applause.) There are many who are detained here unavoidably, who

have already cleared their names from any suspicion of reluctance to go home in order to fight their country's battles; there are others whose health will not permit them to go; but the hearts of all are with you who are going to take a share in the greatest war that has ever been known in the history of the world. You go to show that Right must triumph over Might, that treaties cannot be trampled upon, that small nations cannot be crushed, that defenceless women and children cannot be brutally murdered in cold blood on land and sea, that all that has been built up by common consent for the regulation of warfare on civilised lines cannot be demolished with impunity, and that everything associated with what has grown to be known as Prussian militarism must be utterly destroyed now and for ever for the future peace of the world. (Cheers.) Further, we envy those who are leaving us because they are going to participate in the closing scenes of this titanic struggle. (Applause.) I do not say that the war is already won, but I do say that the end is now in sight. (Applause.) I believe there are men among those going home now who may have the honour of marching into Berlin. (Cheers.) It may even be that they will not be compelled to fight their way there, for I believe the day is not far distant when the enemy will be glad to allow the Allies' Armies to march unopposed. (Cheers.) May that day be soon! The world is sick to death of this welter and waste of blood and human life, but we British people are more determined than ever each day that passes that we will not relinquish this struggle until it is made impossible for any such war to occur again. (Applause.) We owe it to the sacred dead, whose bones lie bleaching on the battlefields of France and other parts of the far-dung battle-lanes, to make sure that their sacrifice will not have been in vain. (Cheers.) Hongkong testifies to-day that this is her determination equally with the rest of the Empire. (Cheers.) I will not detain you, gentlemen, with a lengthy speech, because I do not wish to interfere with the enjoyment provided, and we do not wish to dwell too much upon the serious side of such a venture as this; but I and those for whom I speak wish to assure you from the bottom of our hearts, with all sincerity and in very truth, that where you win honour—as we believe you will—and add lustre to your name—as we are certain you will—Hongkong will share in that honour and lustre. (Applause.) And if you should fail or suffer, and lie wounded on a bed of pain, we wish you to remember in your hour of agony that Hongkong shares it with you. (Applause.) Hongkong is not given to displays of emotion; we are apt to hide our feelings deep within our hearts and expose only a surface expression to those who come and go; but beneath all this there is a depth and sincerity of feeling that occasionally breaks forth above the surface, and this meeting is an occasion which ought to have been celebrated eighteen months ago. (Applause.) In the name of the Colony I wish you God-speed, good luck, and—*adieu*. (Cheers.)

The audience then sang "For they are jolly good fellows." At the close the audience joined in heartily singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

## RACE PONIES FOR THE POLICE RESERVE.

The Hongkong Police Reserve Mounted Section, are in receipt of a number of race ponies presented by prominent local gentlemen, as follows:—Two griffins by Sir Paul Chater; Derby Chief, Dornouse, Teddy, and a dun griffin by Mr. Ellis Kadoorie; Jadedstone and Moonstone by Dr. Jordan, Surgeon-Supt. of Police (R); Brown Sugar by Mr. N. J. Stubb; Lonsdale by Mr. H. E. Morris; Sahab by Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze; Victory by T. J. Zarz; and Old King Cole, Cadzow's Star, and Moneybox by Mr. Asp.

## SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Report of Directors states:—Working account for 1916 has a credit balance of Tls. 434,972.81 as compared with Tls. 400,514.05 for 1915. Gross Receipts are increased Tls. 14,321.70. Outgoings for Fire Insurance, Repairs, etc., are increased Tls. 9,164.48, leaving an increase in net rents of Tls. 5,157.32. The debit balance on Interest account is increased by Tls. 41,399.50. Reserve Fund remains at Tls. 1,623,045.73. Reserve Fund for Equalization of Dividend is increased to Tls. 350,000 by the addition of Tls. 150,000 transferred from Profit and Loss Account last year. It is proposed to withdraw Tls. 50,000 this year, leaving a balance of Tls. 300,000 to draw on in future as may be found necessary. Improvements and Renewals Account has been credited with Tls. 56,887.02 the interest on undeveloped land last year and debited with Tls. 30,856.13 cost of renewals carried out during the year, giving a credit balance of Tls. 23,030.89. It is proposed to credit this account with Tls. 43,806.00 interest on undeveloped land for 1916. Profit and Loss Account shows a small profit on a sale premium on debentures and a small profit on the purchase of Tls. 800 of our 1888 Issue of Debentures. The debit side of the account shows the Final Dividend and Bonus and various transfers authorized at our last meeting and the interest dividend for 1916. The balance of the account is proposed to be augmented by Tls. 50,000 from Equalization of Dividend and appropriate as follows:—To pay a final dividend of 6 per cent. (making 12 per cent.) Tls. 340,000.00. Transfer to Improvements and Renewals Account Tls. 43,806.00. Carry forward to New Account 19,008.89. Tls. 297,814.89. Capital Account—The total Book Cost of Estates is Tls. 2,050,602.79 as compared with Tls. 3,311,461.82



## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE GERMANS AND SUBMARINISM.

## INTERESTING CONTROVERSY.

AMSTERDAM, March 11.—It is reported that in Berlin doubts as to the efficacy of submarine warfare have been expressed. Herr Reisser, the President of the Hansa League, in a speech, said that the object of the blockade is not to force Great Britain to her knees but to produce a desire for an understanding.

Count Reventlow (the well-known German writer on naval affairs) has attacked Herr Reisser, declaring that Germany must dig out peace terms to Great Britain.

The *Vorwarts*, in an article on the subject, states that Count Reventlow's plan is a treacherous prolongation of the war and concludes by declaring that it is impossible to starve Great Britain.

The German papers accuse Agarians in Prussia of withholding supplies from the rest of the Empire.

## WOODEN SHIPS FOR UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The wooden shipbuilders of the United States are summoned to a conference of the Shipping Board on March 14, with a view to building, as speedily as possible, a large fleet of standardised ships for the trans-Atlantic trade. It is hoped thus to materially defeat the submarine blockade.

## GERMAN STEAMER SCUTTLED IN AMERICAN HARBOUR.

## OFFICERS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT.

FLORENCE (South Carolina) Mar. 10.—Eight officers of the German steamer *Liebesfeld* which was sunk in Charleston harbour on Jan. 31, were sentenced to imprisonment for a year and a fine of \$5,500 for scuttling the steamer.

## GERMAN PLOTS IN AMERICA.

## ANOTHER ARREST.

LOS ANGELES, March 11.—The American police have arrested a German named Captain Friston on a charge of complicity in a plot to blow up the Welland Canal, under Captain von Papen's instructions.

## THE FOOD PROBLEM IN RUSSIA.

## RAID ON BREAD SUPPLIES IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, March 11.—The conference mentioned on March 10, has entrusted the municipality with the management of food supplies.

It is semi-officially announced that owing to the very heavy snowfalls hindering the arrival of food stuffs, some of the inhabitants of Petrograd panicked and raided the bread supplies, creating a shortage.

Energetic measures prevented the disturbances becoming serious; municipal sales of bread and other exceptional steps being taken.

The railway authorities are gradually clearing away the snow and arrivals of food stuffs are again approaching normal.

## THE ECONOMIC FACTOR IN THE WAR.

## VIEWS OF A FRENCH MINISTER.

PARIS, March 11.—In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Herriot, Minister in Charge of Civilian and Military Requisitioning, replying on the debate mentioned on March 9, defended the food restriction measures and forecasted the issue of bread and milk tickets. He declared that the economic factor would prove to be equally important as the military factor in deciding the war. Germany is starving, M. Herriot said, and is making a last effort to escape her inevitable doom.

## THE SOMME FRONT.

## GERMAN CONVICTIONS BUILT ON HOPES.

LONDON, March 11.—Renter's Correspondent at French Headquarters reports that the Germans are enormously exaggerating the discomforts on the Somme front in order to prove that the continuance of the Allied Somme offensive is impossible. The truth is that "No-man's-land" on the Somme front is a desert of mud, and villages have been blown to smithereens, but there are plenty of roads to the front line trenches and busy railways in the rear.

We shall soon know whether fighting will be resumed on the Somme, south of which the British line has now extended.

The French army was never so strong and the French infantry at Verdun on December 15 performed the finest piece of infantry work seen in this war.

The Germans must oppose to such men and their methods something more than improved war material on which the Germans seem chiefly to rely.

## RUSSIAN OPERATIONS.

LONDON, March 11.—A Russian official message, transmitted by wireless, reports: "We have attacked to the south-east of Tikhon and to the east of the Mitha Road."

We repelled an attempted Turkish offensive on the Scivas Road.

As a result of the fighting in the Hamadan region, we occupied Sakine and pursued the enemy, after a stubborn resistance, towards Bisium.

## LORD FRENCH'S SISTER KILLED BY A SHELL.

SALONIKA, March 11.—Mrs. Harley, a sister of Lord French, was killed by a shell while in charge of a motor ambulance at Monastir.

## THE INDIAN IMPORT DUTIES.

## POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

LONDON, March 11.—The *Daily News* Lobby correspondent states that the Government will either be defeated or saved by Mr. Asquith's followers, on March 14, when the Lancashire members will move an amendment opposing the increased Indian import duties on cotton goods.

The Labour members and the Nationalists will oppose the Government, while some Conservatives and Liberals will abstain from voting.

Mr. Asquith's followers are still undecided as to their action but 50 Liberals may support the Premier.

## THE CONSPIRACY CASE IN ENGLAND.

## MAHOMMEDAN BARRISTERS' STARTLING SUGGESTION.

LONDON, March 10.—Mr. Riza, the Indian barrister, defending the Wheelodins in the conspiracy case, dwelt upon the failure of the prosecution to produce the Government agent known as Gordon.

Mr. Riza then started the Court by seriously suggesting that the prisoners should have a trial by ordeal and walk over hot ploughshares and thus prove their innocence.

The judge, in summing up, remarked that the employment of secret agents is one of the necessities of these times.

The jury were absent only twenty minutes.

## THE CUBAN REBELLION.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Navy Department officially announces that the Cuban Government forces have regained the rebel stronghold at Santiago.

This, it is regarded, will cause the collapse of the revolution.

## BEST MEDICINE MADE.

A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration and assists nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opiates and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## BRITISH ADVANCE ON A THREE-MILE FRONT.

LONDON, March 10.—Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: "We attacked and captured the village of Arles and neighbouring defences. Our advance extends over a front of three miles. We took a considerable number of prisoners. Over 100 have already been counted. We captured four trench mortars and fifteen machine guns. Our casualties were slight."

An aerial patrol yesterday was heavily engaged by a strong hostile formation.

## THE FRENCH PROGRESS.

## ENEMY BEATEN BACK.

LONDON, March 10.—A French communiqué says that in Champagne there was night long and obstinate fighting at some points between Butte de Meuil and Maison de Champagne. The Germans made several attempts to recapture the trenches we took in the west of that sector, but after alternate advances and retirements we finally beat back the enemy and made some progress. On the right of the sector our fire smashed up the German attacks, and we maintained all our positions.

On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans again attacked the trenches taken by us north of Carrière Wood, but our immediate counter-attacks drove out the enemy from some of the portions of the trenches which he succeeded in entering.

We carried out several counter-attacks south of Avre, notably at Armancourt where our detachments penetrated the third German trench.

## SEVERE ARTILLERY DUEL IN CHAMPAGNE.

LONDON, March 10.—A French official message states that there was a severe artillery duel in Champagne, but no infantry action. There was intermittent cannonading elsewhere.

## THE FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA.

## ENEMY STAND AT CTEPHON.

LONDON, March 10.—An official message from Mesopotamia states: "Our gun-boats and cavalry discovered on Wednesday that the enemy was holding a line on Diale River in some strength. We engaged the enemy on Thursday."

The enemy's position at Ctephon had been most carefully prepared and it is clear that the enemy intended to hold it. The evacuation was probably due to our rapid advance from Affie.

## THE BLOCKADE OF GREECE.

## PREMIER'S STATEMENT.

ATHENS, March 10.—Mr. Lloyd George, replying to the protest of the Athenian bar against the blockade, says that the raising of the blockade depends on the fulfilment of the Allied demands. It would have been raised already if the anti-Allied incidents had not occurred.

## BRITISH ARMED MERCHANTMAN AT DUTCH PORT.

## ORDERED TO LEAVE.

AMSTERDAM, March 10.—The British armed merchantman *Princess Melita* arrived at the Hook of Holland for water, but was ordered to leave in half an hour. The ship put out and threw her armament overboard, after which she returned and obtained her supplies.

## DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT SERIOUSLY ILL.

LONDON, March 11.—The Duchess of Connaught was attacked with influenza on February 13th and measles developed on February 26th, accompanied by bronchial pneumonia. Her condition is disquieting.

## COUNT BERNSTORFF AT CHRISTIANIA.

LONDON, March 10.—Count Bernstorff has arrived at Christiania.

## THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE PREMIER.

## HEAVY SENTENCES.

LONDON, March 10.—At the trial at the Old Bailey of the persons charged with conspiring against the life of Mr. Lloyd George, Mrs. Wheelodins was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, Alfred Mason to seven years and Winnie Mason to five years. Harriet Wheelodins was found not guilty.

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## CHINA AND GERMANY.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES RUPTURE.

## SENATE STILL DISCUSSING THE QUESTION.

(Web Tse-Yai Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 10.—The Premier attended both Houses of Parliament today and explained the Government's policy in recommending the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany.

There was 431 members present in the Lower House, and 331 voted in favour of the Government's policy.

The Senate, however, reached no decision, and will continue the discussion on Monday.

## PRIZE COURTS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

The Ministry of the Navy proposes to establish Prize Courts at Foochow, Canton and Shanghai to deal with German merchant ships or ships of war.

## THE GERMAN CONCESSIONS.

The German Consul in Tientsin has written to the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in that port stating that if a rupture of the relations between China and Germany becomes unavoidable it is desired to place the German concession at that port peacefully under China's control.

## JAVA THE DESTINATION OF GERMAN OFFICIALS.

At a secret meeting of both Houses of Parliament it was decided that in the event of the severance of relations the German Minister and other officials, including the military (Legation Guards) should be escorted to Shanghai and thence sent to Java on Dutch ships.

## THE PRESIDENT AND THE CRISIS.

## AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT.

A representative of the "Peking Gazette" had an opportunity of interviewing the President recently with special reference to the reports—assiduously circulated for foreign circles—which represent him as the only member of the Chinese Government who is opposed to the German entering the war on the side of the Entente allies. On a particular report, (says our Peking contemporary) stated that the President was so unalterably opposed to any action involving a departure from Chinese neutrality that he had declared his intention of resigning office in favour of Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang rather than be a party to a declaration of war against Germany. And in order to make the President's relations with the members of the Entente and their intention of resigning office, a report in circulation on Tuesday morning stated that he had confided to a high Chinese personage the exclusive information that Germany's new submarine warfare would result in the starvation of Great Britain within two months, to be followed by a German occupation of the mightiest city which the hand of man has raised on the banks of the historic Thames.

These and some other equally unfounded reports were brought to the President's notice; and he has authorised us to publish a categorical denial of the above. He pointed out that the great war in truth a struggle of nations and not—as in other days—a mere conflict of this government and the other ruler. The entire manhood of the intelligent nations was engaged in the work of battle, and it seemed to him to be the chief test of the national character of the transaction in Europe. For this reason if China is to enter the war, she must do so as a nation, and the real decision on the subject must be that of the people and not the group of men who now happen to be members of the Central Government and their official and unofficial advisers. And in reaching such a decision the President insisted that the good of China was the determining consideration; and it was imperative for those entrusted with the guidance of the people to ignore rigorously individual as well as party interests and claims. Above everything else, we must avoid entering the war as and in the spirit of a mere adventure and a gamble. It would be a crime against the State for a decision to be taken which would involve the sacrifice of the lives of masses of our people for ends that were not indubitably national and in the interests of the Chinese nation. The President stated that although he himself belonged to the profession of arms, the cruelty and pitilessness of war has forced him to see in that dread method of settling disputes of nations an agency that ought never to be invoked except when other means of settlement are exhausted. But whilst this general sentiment has probably influenced him to a moderate view of the situation he would be the last member of his Administration to interfere or actively oppose any policy or action which the Government and Parliament should decide to be in the vital interest of China, to pursue in the existing crisis.

Summing up his attitude, the President added that he was resolved in this great business as in all other matters to act constitutionally; and whether under the Constitution and the law he was given discretionary powers, his judgment and his decision would always be influenced by what his sense of responsibility and duty to the State told him was in the interest of China. And referring specifically to the question of joining the Entente the President declared that there would certainly be no opposition from him if the national decision as expressed in and by Parliament should be in favour of this country entering that great League of Nations.

## TRAGIC DEATH OF A SHANGHAI RESIDENT.

The Shanghai papers record with deep regret the death of Mr. Henry Benn Stewart, 2nd Lieutenant in the Shanghai Scottish, and Secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce, which occurred in a painful and tragic circumstance on Saturday afternoon while he was out with his company on volunteer manoeuvres.

It appears that when his men were nearing a certain objective, he gave the signal to stop. Eye-witness say that instead of using his whistle, he whistled with his mouth and was immediately shot to fall forward.

Serjt. C. W. Porter was the first to get to him and pick him up and he placed the officer in the charge of Mr. G. MacDonald, while he went in search for Mr. Serjt. Turnbull who would be able to render first aid. Mr. Stewart while a second man was dispatched for a doctor and a report was made to the officer commanding. There was only one doctor on the field, Dr. A. Ransoni, of the American Co., and he was commanding the Blue Force. When he saw Lieut. Stewart he was only able to declare life extinct.

The *N. C. Daily News* says:—Mr. Stewart (who was formerly a missionary) was a man who filled a prominent position in the British community of Shanghai. That he was elected to be the first secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce is one of the strongest indications of the esteem with which his ability was regarded by the British community. That the Chamber has progressed so much under his guidance is the best proof that Mr. Stewart met all the demands that so onerous a position demanded of him. He was a most energetic man and added to his secretarialship of the British Chamber of Commerce, that of the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the trusteeship of the St. Andrew's Society, by a member of which he was described as the best treasurer the society had ever had. To the merits of energy he added the benefits of a well trained mind, a good knowledge of Chinese and a personality that made him most popular. He was an excellent referee both at hockey and football and was generally well known locally in the world of sport. Indeed he was a man who had already made a considerable position for himself in Shanghai and had been spared, there can be little doubt that he would move and more have won the confidence of his fellow nationals.

## SPLENDID CHARITY.

The collection of over 24,000,000 for the British Red Cross Fund is an achievement which surpasses all previous records in charitable contributions. While it reflects the greatest credit on the "Times," which has devoted over a thousand columns of its space to the movement, Lord Northcliffe would be the last to claim that this magnificent result has been chiefly due to the effort of his great newspaper. As is one of the annual meetings of the fund—

I feel somewhat in a false position in replying to the very generous compliments of Sir Robert Hudson in regard to the work of one of my newspapers, because that newspaper was only one of thousands and tens of thousands that have most splendidly given their services in every part of the world to the Red Cross. It would be quite impossible for any one newspaper to accomplish any proportion of the grand result that has attended the labours of so many people and so many newspapers. I must avail myself of this occasion to remove any impression that may prevail that we claim for the "Times" that it is at all the sole journalistic work in this cause. Every London newspaper, every provincial newspaper, every Canadian, Newfoundland, South African, Australian, and New Zealand newspaper has given priceless publicity to the cause. (Hear, hear.)

We are glad, too, to see that Lord Northcliffe mentioned Miss Beaman as, after all, the most successful feature of this Empire subscription has been the popular "Our Day" collection in the last two years, which realised more than one-third of the total amount. That collection was organised under the direction of Mr. M. Beaman, who was assisted by hundreds of thousands of voluntary helpers throughout the British Empire. Vast amounts have been sent from distant parts of the Empire. Ontario, for instance, contributed no less than £200,000, Manitoba £100,000, Nova Scotia £20,000—and these sums do not represent the total of the Canadian subscriptions. Egypt gave £200,000, Straits Settlements £50,000, British in Argentina £20,000. The largest home contribution was from the British farmers, who have nearly £200,000 to their credit.

The fund of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John is truly an Imperial fund. While it has been the greatest in amount, exceeding that of the Prince of Wales Fund, it should be remembered that some of the other great war funds have been extraordinarily successful. That organised by the M.C.A. for the service of India, in competition with a great many other appeals for precisely the same object, realised over a million pounds, without the advantage of close association with any newspaper.—*Daily Chronicle*.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

2.30 p.m.

Unions	880b. 800sellers
Douglases	90b. buyers
Steamboats	18b. sales
Def. Indos	12b. buyers
China Sugars	11b. buyers
Docks	12b. buyers
China Providents	8.10 sellers
Dairy Farms	24 sales
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Uniform, Caps, with Covers, but no rifles. Armlets and Standing Orders Books will be examined on these parades. Exemption to be granted by undesignated only.

## BAND PRACTICE.

Members of the Band will attend Practices on Wednesday, March 14th, as previously ordered. The Practice was cancelled in error.

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Police school, 5.30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 14th.—All Chief Inspectors, Staff Inspectors, Armlet and Poles. All Inspectors, and Staff Sergeants Fisher and Baken.

Friday, March 16th.—All Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners, and Ambulance Platoon.

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## SHOOTING.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

All men who are qualified to fire, but have not yet fired Part II of the 1917 Course will attend the Range on Sunday next, March 18th, leaving Blakes Pier at 8 a.m., returning at about noon. Lists of these men are being sent to Company Commanders.

The following will attend for Range Duties: Staff Inspector Potter, Inspectors C. Alves and Wei, C.S. Major Figueroa, Crown Sergeant Estacio and Fortnightly, and Sergeant Butterfield.

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High tributes are paid to the discipline and coolness of the uninjured British troops, who, directly the accident happened, got out in good order and lined up to await orders, afterwards doing excellent work under the direction of their officers. Some slightly injured men have been sent to Rouen.

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One hour ... 0.30 0.60  
Two hours ... 0.50 1.00  
Three hours ... 0.70 1.50  
Six hours ... 1.00 2.00  
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One hour ... 20  
Every subsequent hour ... 20

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the City of Victoria, or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 8 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

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One hour ... 15  
Every subsequent hour ... 10

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single ... 1.10 ... 2 hours.  
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single ... 1.15 ... 2 hours.  
return ... 1.50 ... 4

Beyond 8th to 10th mile—  
single ... 1.20 ... 2 hours.  
return ... 1.60 ... 4

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One hour ... 15  
Three hours ... 40  
Six hours ... 60  
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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 12th at 11.40—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure is highest over Mongolia. It has increased considerably over N.E. China and decreased slightly over S. China. It is nearly stationary along the east coast of China and over the Philippines.

Moderate monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.80 inches, against an average of 3.94 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 13th March:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds moderate; cloudy.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, moderate to strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hakan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN MARCH.  
The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of March, 1917:

Date	Ends	Begins
Mar. 12th	8.24 a.m.	8.43 p.m.
" 13th	8.23 "	8.43 "
" 14th	8.22 "	8.43 "
" 15th	8.20 "	8.44 "
" 16th	8.19 "	8.44 "
" 17th	8.18 "	8.44 "
" 18th	8.17 "	8.44 "
" 19th	8.16 "	8.44 "
" 20th	8.15 "	8.44 "
" 21st	8.14 "	8.44 "
" 22nd	8.13 "	8.44 "
" 23rd	8.13 "	8.47 "
" 24th	8.12 "	8.47 "
" 25th	8.11 "	8.47 "
" 26th	8.10 "	8.47 "
" 27th	8.08 "	8.47 "
" 28th	8.08 "	8.48 "
" 29th	8.08 "	8.48 "
" 30th	8.07 "	8.48 "
" 31st	8.06 "	8.48 "

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MARCH 12, 1917.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Victoria	6.30	30.06	27	—	—	—	0
Memuro	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Hakodate	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Tokyo	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Kobe	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Nagasaki	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Kagoshima	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Oshima	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Naha	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Kiushiu	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Bonin Island	5.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Chefoo	6.1	—	—	—	—	—	0
Weihsaiwei	30.11	28	58	—	—	—	0
Hankow	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Ichang	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Shanghai	30.01	49	95	—	—	—	0
Guangzhou	29.98	47	100	—	—	—	0
Swatow	29.95	58	93	—	—	—	0
Yokohama	29.92	63	98	—	—	—	0
Tsushima	29.89	64	—	—	—	—	0
Tsushima	29.89	64	—	—	—	—	0
Koshu	29.89	64	—	—	—	—	0
Pesadores	29.81	62	—	—	—	—	0
Canton	29.83	66	100	—	—	—	0
Hongkong	29.83	65	94	—	—	—	0
Gap Rock	29.87	—	—	—	—	—	0
Macao	29.85	64	98	—	—	—	0
Wanchow	29.85	64	98	—	—	—	0
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Phu Lien	29.78	68	100	—	—	—	0
Tourane	29.76	70	—	—	—	—	0
C. St. James	29.74	75	—	—	—	—	0
Apurim	29.73	75	—	—	—	—	0
Dagupan	29.73	75	—	—	—	—	0
Manila	29.70	70	91	—	—	—	0
Legaspi	29.78	75	91	—	—	—	0
Tacloban	29.74	75	91	—	—	—	0
Hilo	29.74	75	91	—	—	—	0
Labuan	29.71	78	94	—	—	—	0

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, March 12, 1917.  
1. BAROMETRIC, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, in blue sky, detached cloud, drizzling rain, fog, gloomy, hail, lightning, overcast, passing showers, equal rain, snow, thunder, visibility, w. dew (wet).

7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon. Not exceeding per passenger.  
Quarter hour ... 5 cents.  
Half hour ... 10  
One hour ... 15  
Three hours ... 40  
Six hours ... 60  
Day (6 a.m. to 8 p.m.) ... 1.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

## SHARE REPORT.

MARCH 12TH, 1917.

Stock and paid up Value.	Options 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Retained on last year div.			
BANKS.						
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125	\$380 a.	Final of 1916 making \$4.11 for 1916 and bonus of 10% subject to deduction of Income tax	6 1/2 p.a.			
MARINE INSURANCE.						
Canton \$50	\$370	\$7 final making \$35 a/c 1914 and Interim of \$15 a/c 1915. Final div. of 1915 making \$7 1/2 a/c 1916. Interim of \$30 a/c 1915.	6 1/2 p.a.			
North China \$25	T. 150		4 1/2 p.a.			
Unions \$100	\$380 b. & \$90 a.		8 p.a.			
Yangtze \$60	\$240	Final of \$15 making \$13 for 1914 and int. of \$3 on account 1915	8 p.a.			
FIRE INSURANCES.						
China Fire \$20	\$153 b.	\$7 and bonus \$3 for 1914. \$27 for 1914	6 1/2 p.a.			
Hongkong Fire \$100	\$355	\$1 final making \$8 and \$3 bonus making \$11 a/c 1914-15. \$1.25 for 1915	11 1/2 p.a.			
SHIPPING.						
Douglas Steamships \$50	\$364 b.	Interim of 3/4 a/c 1916. Interim of 10/10 a/c 1916.	8 p.a.			
Steamboats \$15	\$184 a.		6 1/2 p.a.			
Indo-China (Preferred) \$25	\$414					
(Deferred) \$25	\$123 b.					
"Shell" Transport \$21				103/-	2/4 int. a/c 1915 Coupon \$7	7 p.a.
"Star Ferry" \$10	\$33	\$1.25 dividend & 45 cts. Bonus for year ending 30-4-16	6 1/2 p.a.			
REFINERIES.						
China Sugars \$100	\$119 b.	\$12 for 1915	10 1/2 p.a.			
Malayan Sugars P. \$20	\$33	P. 5 for 1915				
MINING.						
Kailash \$21	\$34/-	Final div. 5% free of income tax, making 10% a/c 1915-1916 coupon \$0.416	4 p.a.			
Langkat \$21	T. 184 b.					
Ranb \$21	\$2.35	1/4 interim making 4% a/c 1916				
Tongah Mines \$21	\$27 a.	9% for 1915				
Ural Caspian \$21	\$27 a.					
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.						
Kowloon Wharves \$50	\$31 a.	5% for 1916 & bonus \$3	4 p.a.			
H.K. & Whampoa Docks \$50	\$124 b. & 124 a.	Final \$2.50 & bonus \$3, making \$5.51 a/c 1916	4 1/2 p.a.			
Shanghai Docks T. \$100	T. 55 a.	Th. 7 1/2 for year ending 30-4-16	6 1/2 p.a.			
HOTELS, LANDS AND BUILDINGS.						
Hongkong Hotels \$50	\$102	Final of \$3 making \$4 a/c 1916	4 1/2 p.a.			
Central Hotels \$100	\$93	\$7 a/c 1916	7 p.a.			
Hongkong Lands \$100	\$91 a.	Final div. of \$3 1/2 making \$7 a/c 1916	7 p.a.			
Humphreys Estates \$10	\$6 1/2	80 cents for 1915	5 1/2 p.a.			
Kowloon Lands \$30	\$33	\$2 1/2 for 1915	6 p.a.			
West Point \$50	\$69 a.	Final \$3-25, making \$5-25 a/c 1916	4 1/2 p.a.			
Shanghai Lands T. \$50	T. 92	8 1/2 final making 12% a/c 1916	5 1/2 p.a.			
COTTON MILLS.						
Wong \$25	T. 140 b.	Th. 9 for year ending 31-10-15	10 1/2 p.a.			
Shanghai Cottons T. \$50	T. 116 1/2 b.	Th. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-8-15	8 p.a.			
Kung Yik \$10	T. 12 1/2 b.	Th. 0.90 for 1916	10 1/2 p.a.			
Yongtsepoos T. \$5	T. 5 a.					
MISCELLANEOUS.						
China-Borneo \$12	\$8 b.	72 cts. for 1915	8 1/2 p.a.			
Light & Powers \$8	\$4.25 b.	6 p.a. for year ending 28-2-06	7 1/2 p.a.			
China-Provident \$10	\$2.10 a.	70 cents for 1916	7 1/2 p.a.			
Dairy Farms \$8	\$24 a.	\$3 for year ending 31-7-16	8 1/2 p.a.			
Green Islands \$10	\$11 b.	60 cents for 1915	6 p.a.			
Hongkong Electric \$10	\$49	\$2 1/2 for 1915/1916	5 p.a.			
Hongkong Ice \$25	\$190	\$2 for a/c 1916	7 p.a.			
Hongkong Ropes \$10	\$29 x d.	\$1 final and bonus \$1, making \$3	8 1/2 p.a.			
Hongkong Tramways \$5	\$7.20 a.	23 1/2 final a/c 1916 (cents 48 per share)	4 1/2 p.a.			
H.K. Steel Foundry \$10	\$10					
Peak Tramways \$10	\$2.20	7% for 1915/1916	7 1/2 p.a.			
do. (new) \$1	\$1					
Steam Laundry \$5	\$34	25 cents for 1915/1916	6 1/2 p.a.			
Union Waterboats \$10	\$10 1/2 b.	12 1/2% for 1916	8 p.a.			
Nations \$10	\$64 b.	70 cents for 1915				
William Powell \$2	\$8	50 cents for 1915/1916	10 p.a.			